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In re Application of RICHAUD et al.

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In response to the Office Action mailed 25 February 2008, Applicant requests that claims 16, 23 and 27 be amended according to the accompanying claims listing. Applicant also requests the cancellation of claims 17, 24 and 28.

Applicant requests early and favorable action on claims 16, 18-23, 25-27 and 29-30.